

Forest Hill Church

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Forest Hill Church: diverse, inclusive, welcoming

Service of Worship
May 29, 2016 at 11:00 am

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today for worship.

If you are visiting, please join us in wearing a name tag so that we might greet you.

Our ushers have hearing devices, large print editions of the bulletin, activity bags for children staying in worship, and directions to our nursery for babies and young children.

Prayer of Preparation

O God, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together. Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want, but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Welcome

Prelude

Paul Halley

“Pianosong”

Choral Introit

Greeting Our God with Joy

Call to Worship

Elder Karen Loughridge

Leader: The world belongs to God;

People: **The earth and all its people.**

Leader: How good it is, how wonderful,

People: **To live together in unity.**

Leader: Love and faith come together;

People: **Justice and peace join hands.**

Leader: If Christ’s disciples keep silent

People: **These stones would shout aloud.**

Leader: Open our lips, O God,

People: **And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

*** Processional Hymn No. 305**

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

**please stand if able*

Renewing Our Relationship with God

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Silence

Kyrie eleison (*Lord, have mercy*)

Craig Phillips

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

mer - cy. Lord, _____ have _____ mer - cy.

Leader: Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

People: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Leader: Amen.

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Leader: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

People: Amen.

All: So we lay down what is past and look to the future. We take into daily life signs of hope and healing. We reach beyond ourselves, to share the lives of others and touch a wider world. Amen.

Affirming the Good News in Our Lives

*** Alleluia**

Jeannette Sorrell

5 Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Anthem

Tanzania trad.

“Holy Spirit, Come Now”

Opening Our Hearts to God's Word

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 96 (*read responsively*)

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

People: Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.

People: Say among the nations, "The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."

Leader: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord;

Leader: for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.

*** Hymn No. 306**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the People
may be passed to the ushers during this hymn*

Hebrews 12: 1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Leader: Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. John C. Lentz, Jr.

“Widow Warriors and the Communion of Saints”

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Ritual of Friendship

Offering



Offertory

Londonderry Air, arr. John Bell

“Go Silent Friend”

Sung in memory of all who have passed away this year

* **Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Going Forth to Live as God's People

* **Closing Hymn No. 326**

Stanzas 1, 3, 5

“For All the Saints”

* **Commission and Blessing**

* **Choral Benediction**

* **Passing of the Peace**

Postlude

J. S. Bach

“Fugue in B^b Major”

*The Call to Worship and written prayers are from the **Iona Abbey Worship Book***



Welcome Visitors!

We look forward to greeting you and answering any questions you may have. Welcome bags are available in the foyers and the narthex. Take one home with you! Be sure to visit our website, www.fhcpresb.org, for a list of upcoming events, education programs for all ages, and past sermon texts and audio.

Notes & Announcements

Chancel Flowers: Today's flowers are given by Anona Stack in memory of those who gave their lives for their country; and by Robyn Hales in memory of Dorothy Hales and family members who have gone home.

Prayers are requested this week for: Elaine Dannefer, Grace Glaros, Max Harmon, Wilma Heston, Rich Israel, Mary Lewis, Linda Martin, Robin Richards, Robert Ruggeri, Baldwin Sawyer, George Sentell, and Debbie Ungemach.

Please remember these homebound members in your prayers:

Bill Currie, Marge Drollinger, Betty Farnfield, Emma Jane Gibbs, Iris Gilbert, Ron Klein, Emelia McGuire, Joyce Peters, Jack Quinn, Margie Stauffer, Elaine Tapie, Lorian Thomas.

The Deacons encourage you to stop by the Greeting Card Table in Fellowship Hall before or after worship to sign a card for one or more of our homebound members. We will address and mail the card for you.

Thank you to head usher Roger Heineman and today's ushers. Please contact the church office if you are interested in joining an usher team.

Coming Up

TODAY

Thanks to your generosity to the One Great Hour of Sharing collection, FHC has donated \$437 for the establishment of a Labre emergency fund to assist with time-sensitive needs or one-time assistance and \$1311 for the Presbyterian Hunger Program, the Self Development of People fund, and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These gifts allow us to share God's

love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. Many thanks to all who donated!

Picture Directories: Directory photo appointments may be made on June 7, 9, 10 or 11 for those who were unable to schedule a time in May. Go to our homepage (www.fhcpresb.org) and click the link that takes you directly to the online scheduling page, or stop by Fellowship Hall after worship and sign up in person.

THIS WEEK

Bible Study: The lessons for this week are: **1 Kings 17: 8-24; Psalm 146; Galatians 1: 11-24; Luke 7: 11-17**

Bible and Bagels discusses next Sunday's text(s) on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30. All are welcome!

NEXT SUNDAY

***The summer schedule begins June 5 – worship will start at 10 am.
Come join the summer choir at 9:30.***

All are welcome to join the summer choir for a day or for the season. The music is easy, we don't wear robes, and all ages (even babies) are welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD

Social Groups and Circles

Iris Circle (women of FHC): Join us on Tuesday, June 21 at the home of LeAnn West (22171 Harms Rd, Euclid, OH) at noon for a salad potluck lunch. RSVP to LeAnn (216 692-0917 or kleannwest@sbcglobal.net). Bring lots of ideas for planning for Iris Circle for 2016-2017.

Calendar: May 29 – June 5, 2016

<p>Sunday, May 29 10:00 am Child care begins 10:30 am Continental Breakfast 11:00 am WORSHIP 12:15 pm Coffee and Conversation</p> <p>Monday, May 30: Memorial Day Office closed 6:00 pm Progress not Perfection (AA) 7:00 pm Al Anon 7:30 pm Borton Group (AA)</p> <p>Tuesday, May 31 1:00 pm Abundance Pantry 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion</p> <p>Wednesday, June 1 7:30 am Bible and Bagels 12:30 pm Wed. Women’s AA 6:30 pm Discernment Task Force</p> <p>Thursday, June 2 5:00 pm Fitness Fusion</p>	<p>Friday, June 3 9:30 am Al Anon 4:30 pm Wedding rehearsal 6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop #403: Strawberry Festival 7:00 pm CE Volunteers gathering</p> <p>Saturday, June 4 8:45 am Discernment Retreat 3:30 pm Wedding of Katherine Fay and Jonathan Hall</p> <p>Sunday, June 5 Summer schedule begins 9:30 am Child care begins Continental Breakfast Summer Choir 10:00 am WORSHIP 11:15 pm Coffee and Conversation Piano Recital: Students of Anne Wilson 3:15 pm Softball vs Fairmount PC</p>
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